

# YUGOSLAVIA!

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Life under Tito's Communism

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# 6 Republics



- Serbia
- Croatia
- Slovenia
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Josip Broz Tito

- Croatian
- Led the Partisans (Communists) in WWII
- Partisans defeated Nazis
- Ran the country from 1945-1980
  - “President for Life”
- Very popular around the world



# Split from Stalin

- At first, Tito was loyal to Moscow
- But, Stalin did not like Tito's independence so he kicked Yugoslavia out of communism
- No communist countries could trade with Yugoslavia
- Yugoslavia became the only communist country that was enemies with the Soviet Union
- USA helped Yugoslavia then and provided them with money and goods (\$2.5 billion)



# Ethnic Identity in Yugoslavia

- What is the problem with having so many different ethnic groups living in one country?
- How do you think Tito solved this?
- Brotherhood and Unity!
- Prohibited NATIONALISM





Today, as I become a  
Pioneer,  
I give my Pioneer's word  
of honor -

That I shall study and  
work diligently,  
respect parents and my  
seniors,  
and be a loyal and  
honest friend.

That I shall love our  
homeland, self-managed  
socialist federal republic  
of Yugoslavia.

That I shall spread  
brotherhood and unity  
and the principles for  
which comrade Tito  
fought.

And that I shall value all  
peoples of the world who  
respect freedom and  
peace!

# Yugoslav Pioneers



# Quality of life

- No food shortages (except for brief time after WWII)
- Citizens had enough money and freedom to travel abroad
- Had access to Western goods (fridges, radios, tvs)
- Yugoslav passport one of most valuable on planet



# Death of Tito

- Tito died in 1980 & he had no successor
- Replaced by a rotating presidency
  - Each republic had a president in power for one year
  - What could be a problem with this arrangement?
- What did Tito want suppressed in Yugoslavia?
- Unfortunately, nationalism rose to the surface and Yugoslavia entered years of violent conflict





# Life in ex-Yugoslavia

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDQ7Vnq72A8>